

Copy ^{J. May, Jr.} to Rev. C. Stetson,

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Dear Mr. Stetson

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Messrs N. H. Whiting of Marshfield and Lewis Ford of Abington, who are now acting as agents of our State Antislavery Society, have an appointment from us for several meetings in Plymouth Co, and among them for one at South Scituate, on Sunday Sept. 17th.

I write to you on the subject in preference to anyone else. You will not think, I am sure, that in appointing these meetings, we feel or manifest any want of confidence in your personal antislavery, or in your antislavery preaching. Far enough from that. You know, I am persuaded, not only our willingness but our peculiar satisfaction in inviting and welcoming you to our Antislavery platform. But the A. S. Cause like the Gospel, "is not bound" - that is (whatever Paul meant by the words), is not to be confined to any place, or

house, or individuals; however faith-
-ful. There are infinite diversities
of human character, and we must
go to them all, and, (if we can) convert
them all and save them all.

Let there be free meetings, Everywhere,
and on every day, for this sacred
cause - God in man it truly is -
"Christi in pauperibus".

I know you will speak a true
word, in your way, according to your
usual and time-hallowed form of
worship, for the slaves and for all who
are befriending them, and in rebuke
of all who are trampling them under
foot.

Why should not every other man,
"whose spirit makes him willing," have
the same opportunity? If therefore
you do not think proper (with J. W.
Higginson) to open your doors, on the
Sunday, and identify your Sunday
services with an A. S. County Meeting,
at least let the Town Hall be freely open
to all who would meet for such a pur-
pose in your town.

I know you have not the control of the Town Hall; but I doubt not a word from you would go a great way towards opening it. —

My main object however is to ask you to make it publicly known that an A. S. Meeting is appointed for South Scituate, on Sunday Sept. 17, for the friends above-named, and that you will do, what you conscientiously can, to procure for them the use of a suitable place of meeting.

I have written in great haste, which I pray you to excuse, and also to overlook any objectionable phrase you may find. Rely upon it, I write with cordial respect and good will to you; but (as I have once before said to you, by word of mouth) I strongly desire that S. Scituate & every N. Eng. town may be free from the reproach of even seeming to bar out Antislavery from its Church, Townhall, & on any day. Antislavery is God's truth — ~~and~~ and none know better than yourself how much needed it is in our land — therefore let every man hear & every man speak who will, — & let every welcome it from every quarter. With sincere regards
Wm. S. M. N.

